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Sir:

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application(s): Serial Nos. 09/468,679; 09/613,623; 09/664,827; 09/885,731; 09/909,496; 09/911,047; and 09/961,865. The identification of such U.S. Patent Application(s) is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to such application(s) now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the

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cited application(s) and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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